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**CTWG COMMANDERS' CALL
MINUTES
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Attendance

WING COMMANDER
VICE COMMANDER
CHIEF OF STAFF
SR. ADVISOR TO COMMANDER
SECRETARY
STATE DIRECTOR
103RD COMP. SQ - CT004
SILVER CITY COMP. SQ. - CT014
STRATFORD EAGLES COMP. SQ - CT022
169TH COMPOSITE SQUADRON – CT027
399TH COMPOSITE SQUADRON – CT042
C. K. HAMILTON COMP. SQ. – CT058
NORTHWEST HILLS COMP. SQ. – CT062
ROYAL CADET. SQ. – CT071
CT MINUTEMEN COMP. SQ. – CT073
DANIELSON COMP. SQ. – CT074
THAMES RIVER COMP. SQ. – CT075
DIRECTOR OF CADET PROGRAMS
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
GROUND OPERATIONS OFFICER
VISITOR-CT022
VISITOR-CT022

Name:

COL JENSEN
MAJ VALLEAU
LT COL HUCHKO (EX)
COL PALMER
LT BAILEY
MR. ISABELLE
LT KINSKY
CAPT GRAVES (REP)
MAJ OESTREICHER
MAJ MAGURNY
LT DELLAVECCHIA
CAPT TRUJILLO
MAJ MAFFIA (EX)
CAPT DILL
CAPT DALEY
MAJ PROVOST
LT COL KINCH
MAJ MARTEKA
COL STURGES
LT SLEDGE
CAPT CONNELLY
SM GARCIA

(REP) Representative, (NP) Not Present, (EX) Excused

Meeting called to order at 1930 by Colonel Jensen.

COL JENSEN

- Colonel Palme- By order of General Pineda, you have been promoted to the permanent rank of Colonel.
- Lt Kinsky-By order of General Pineda you have been promoted to the rank of Captain immediately.
- My top priority for this wing will be, after safety, to put the air back into Civil Air Patrol. Operation Readiness. Getting airplanes flown often and safely. If we run

out of training funds from Region, I will find them at Wing. The next CI will not be like the last one. It will be detailed for readiness. CT is not immune to disasters.

- The Cadet Program is a very real part of why we are here. I don't see operational readiness changing this. I want to see more cadets doing ground work. I want more cadets doing leadership training. Let's get those ground teams out there, let's get flying and do it safely.
- Somebody in NY Wing was taxiing and he taxied into an aircraft. To compound, this person went and flew two missions after he dinged a CAP aircraft. We want to prevent something like that from happening here. Ding an airplane and it is pilot error, minimum sentence is \$500 deductible, six months grounding and have to take a Form 5 to get back in the air again.
- We have a new Vice Commander and a new Chief of Staff. She is attending classes. It is temporary but rest assured she is working diligently behind the scenes.
- Recruiting is going to be a big thing. CT membership has been resilient. I have to thank the squadron membership for this. CAP has pretty good printed material in the way of posters. Will it be doable to get these into the middle schools. I will order a couple hundred and have for you at next Commanders Call.
- Also would like to get posters for seniors at the local FBOs.
- We'll be advertising more staff vacancies shortly. We are coming along but there are more vacancies.
- The Glass Cockpit will be coming in May or June.
- Colonel Greenhut will be our after-dinner speaker.
- Colonel Diduch will be attending.
- I will send an email to pilots in the wing—being a small state that we are, local travel if you are flying outside of CT to MA, RI, that is in our backyard. I don't have a problem with that. Let Colonel Sturges know when you are doing this. MA, RI and the third range is NYS east of the Hudson River. For travel to NH, VT and LI, you will need the permission of Colonel Sturges. If going to LI, observe all the rules of flying over water, etc.
- For ME, PA, NJ and NY west of the Hudson, you will need Colonel Sturges' and my approval before you can fly there. (Keep an eye on the time for "O" flights.)
- Region has told me that they are preparing a safety down day DVD. We are to declare a safety down day sometime this Spring. The DVD will be used by all wings in the region. When it is done I will give to LTC Stidsen. When the order goes out pilots will need to get together with LTC Stidsen or not be able to fly.
- Somebody should be intercepting prospective members at the door and they should be leaving with all kinds of information about CAP. Each squadron should have a mentoring program.
- www.thealternatives.com – brings up all telephone searches for people. This is a great way to get someone's telephone number. The stuff you get from National doesn't always have a correct phone number. Try searching on line for their phone numbers.

LTC ISABELLE

- Be safe. Aircraft safety important. Run your check list—it is very important.
- CTWG Encampment—July 1-8, 2006 should be okay but we need to speak to Camp Rell. (Provost—Major Flynn was supposed to call you this week—he should.)
- I'm in the Army Corps of Engineers building. Continue using my email address.

COLONEL PALMER

- The only thing I have is thank you very much for your help when I was in command. I will still be around.

COLONEL STURGES

- We have a GTE coming up. That's going to happen 19-20 May.
- We're going to have GTEs from now until the end of May. We need the training. I need you commanders to plan exercises for your squadron that are going to be part of the training between now and end of May. Wing will be paying if we need the money. Do things in your squadron. Call Major Shapiro and tell him when you want to do it, what aircraft you need, what aircrew, etc. and he will give you a mission number so you can be put in MIMMS and will be covered by insurance.
- Flight logs—Those of you who have airplanes—the flight logs must be here at Commanders Call. There are a lot of things those pieces of paper are used for. We need them to get money back from the Air Force. Also, we need to put these in so National knows how many hours we have put on the airplanes. We need those forms. Everything has to be legible and everything has to add up. It has not been and it has taken us a long time to correct the errors.
- Airports are getting tighter on their security. Brainard—gates are all locked. You can't get in there. I have the code and I also have the code from the Danbury squadron. We will be publishing, hopefully in the next week, a list of what airports have airplanes that are CAP and how to get them out of the locked airport areas. I need to know when you have airplanes at your airport I need to publish something in writing how to get the CAP planes out of the airport. There will be no airplane you can't get to.
- We need to fly these airplanes. The Commander is going to give me the money to let you fly the airplanes. I will be monitoring the flying on the planes every week. If the airplane is not being used I am going to pull it. You will only know the schedule a month at a time.
- As of today CP will be in Groton, 998 scheduled to go to NH, 04E will be in Danbury and 73X will be staying at Brainard. We will always have an airplane at Brainard.
- The Glass Cockpit wasn't supposed to be here for a year. The Commander's message to me was that it will be here within the next month or so. We need to get two pilots trained. The two CFII will train in this for a week and then come back and train the other pilots.
- We talked about "O" flights in gliders. Don't write off gliders because our glider is in NH and NH is more than willing to take cadets up there to train in a glider.

- Regular “O” flights. Keep on flying them. I need to email a list of pilots by the 5th of every month to National. The mission number for the previous month is good until the 5th of the month. (Jensen—Cadet “O” flights are important for the cadets.)
- Sturges—suggest that the Admin Officer send the squadron list to the recruiter.

LT SLEDGE

- I would like to introduce the recruiter for the Air National Guard. (Gentleman spoke for about 15 minutes.). We can put up the literature and posters for CAP when we go to college fairs and schools. We just need to get more educated on what CAP does. I want to exchange business cards with the Commander so that we can get something going. I would like to meet some of you after this meeting.
- NJWG has invited us to their GSAR school which will be held over four weekends. This is the best way for seniors to get GTM qualified. I highly recommend people go to this. You need to go every weekend in order to get credit for it.
- CTWG Conference –I am going to hold an ES class for the ES116 test. You will have to do the test on line. I will go through the whole course though.

MAJ VALLEAU

- Captain C. Kelling is working on a radio class for the conference.
- I will be wearing hats on both sides of the house. I will be Vice Commander and will retain the position of Director of Communications.

COL STIDSEN

- Ethical failures is quite common in safety. CAP has a CAP Ethics policy letter. It was sent to all CAP members. Membership in CAP is contingent on this policy letter. You should be responsible for safety assets in CAP.
- Your safety program you have in your squadron is to protect your assets which include, cadets, seniors and equipment. Ethics fits in in this area.
- Commanders are the people who their members will take the example from. If you adhere to these points, you squadron members will follow them.
- AE History--Col Robert L. Scott has passed away. He wrote God is My Copilot.
- I did email the safety briefing to all people.

CT004

- End of this month we have two cadets going to RI encampment and six to CTWG Encampment.
- We are planning to play laser tag at Laser Quest as an activity for the cadets.

CT014

- Next Monday night one of our seniors will be promoted to Captain.
- One application for SLS
- Plan to participate in the two GTE's and plan on playing in some of the others planned.

CT022

- Have cadets going to encampment.
- Have put together binders for the SLS class.
- Have one person sign up for CLC so far.
- Squadron had a fund raiser last weekend. Made close to \$500 working at it.
- Professional Development- Just started in that position so haven't looked at it as yet..

CT027

- Have cadets and seniors being promoted.
- Have a couple people working on ECI 13.
- Have a couple people going to SLS.
- Am doing ES training this weekend at the squadron.
- Encampment applications coming in for staff.
- Home school Show—Home school Association has a seminar going on and we have been offered a booth for \$120. If we could get three or four squadrons together to help work at the show. We can have a booth, etc. It's for the whole state.

CT042

- Have cadets who will be attending Hawk Mountain.
- Worked at Open cockpit
- Had "O" flights today.
- Have two applications in for SLS.
- Have six cadets apply for staff at our encampment.
- Have a nurse available to teach our squadron basic first aid. Will get out a notice.

CT058

- Have three cadets going to RI encampment as staff.
- Have one cadet for the National Scholarship award.
- EMT Program-We had two cadets and one senior member attend the program.
- On March 7 the Navy Band will be performing at Southington High School. We have been able to get 26 tickets because the hall is small. You can show up and get in if there is a seat available. Our squadron will be going. Our cadets will be in Class A uniform because we are trying to get in the front row and get photographs with the band. If all come together it will look good.
- I will be going on vacation starting March 8. My deputy commander will be acting commander. I have informed him on what is going on so he knows that.

- First Aid—We need someone certified to teach First Aid. (Dill-We are in the process of getting one of guys certified in the Red Cross so he can do training. It will come as a cost to the individual. We don't know what that will be. We are doing that within the squadron and all are welcome.) Most of the cadets will need that to go to the national program.
- Cadet Ball – Did well last time. Everyone enjoyed themselves. I do hope everyone will send cadets so that we are all represented. One of the problems we ran in to was that we needed to have 100-150 to get a lower price. Aqua Turf waived that for us. Unless we say yes, maybe they won't give us a price because it is a huge wedding place. The cadets who did go, had a wonderful time. Can DDR money be used to help supplement this. (Jensen—I don't think that may be possible.) (Bailey—When do you have to get your date in?) Usually seven months before we want it. (Bailey--My suggestion is that CTWG Conference you should put out a flyer and put in the CTWG Conference envelopes advertising this. Talk to Captain Kelling about that.)
- When you get lists of prospective cadets, please follow up with them.

CT062

- We participated in the open cockpit at Bradley. Well attended by us and other squadrons.
- We are doing a bivouac/ES training March 24-26. Some training will be done at the airport. We have one dog team coming in Friday night to bivouac with us. Two or more teams will be coming Saturday.
- Are planning an open house as a recruitment tool. Do not have a date set as yet. Will be advertising on the local radio and in the newspapers. Will send information to the schools.
- City has just given us ceiling tiles for damaged tiles from water. We will be painting and replacing tiles.

CT071

- I have one cadet going to RI Encampment
- I have two senior members going to SLS
- I have a large group of seniors in my squadron and we are talking about renaming ourselves to a composite squadron.
- We marched in the Veteran's Day parade and we stamped our phone number on the flyers. I handed them out. One of them walked in last week and joined.
- March 12 – EMT, bivouacs. I have people who want to get involved in some of this but we are spreading ourselves thin.
- I am working on my CFI and have set a goal to fly every available day and I want to have it by the end of this month.
- Cadets flew the simulator last week at Bradley.
- Turned a canceled SAREX into a ground team training—too much wind to do the SAREX.

- We are having trouble passing the PT tests. During the winter they can't run because of the weather. We have a senior member come in early to do PT with the cadets.
- I have two pilots qualified with Form 5's but haven't been able to fly because of winds.
- Waterbury Squadron—I have a pilot who lives down that way. I know some people who might be interested in a Waterbury squadron. (Jensen—we are trying to find some real estate first.) (Maffia—there was a squadron in Waterbury during World War II. Somewhere around 1968 the squadron combined with another and then lasted two years.)
- Planned a SAAREX on March 18. We will need to coordinate that.
- We have a new member of Wing—Tom Durman. He will be taking over the maintenance job from John Kelling. I will bring Tom to SAS tomorrow at noon to find out some stuff on the airplanes. I am having Tom put out a note on the airplanes. This will get him into the position.
- Keys—The Homeland Security Building has gone through some major security changes. Also they are painting and putting money into the classroom. You will see everything new. Because of that money, he is clamping down on no food or drink. If we do have some kind of class, there will be no food or drink. He has been real good to us. Lot's of room outside the classroom where you can set up coffee and donuts—nothing in the classroom.
- Parking lot is a gated area. 860-566-5377-State Police Flight Department-you need to call this number in order to get in the parking lot. When weather is bad, they may not be there. If you ring the bell on the key pad, they will know that someone is at the gate. You may not have to dial the number. You cannot get out of the gate unless someone lets you out with a key. I have keys.

CT073

- Have seven cadets passed various exams in our squadron.
- Have a Mitchell passed
- Parade is coming up. If any of you have a headcount, please give me the count tonight so I know who will be marching in the parade with us.

CT074

- Encampment—Major Flynn not here as yet. Any seniors in your squadron looking to be on staff, see either myself or Major Flynn so we know who we will have.
- Cadet staff applications should be here tonight.
- I need some kind of idea on how many basics we will be getting so we will have an idea on picking staff.
- SLS-I have one senior going.
- We had our game dinner fundraiser. Had a good turnout and ended up with \$2300.
- DRMO-What's the status on that? When do I go down there, etc. The tax id number is needed.

- Umbrella insurance for assets the squadrons have in case of fire, break-ins, etc. (Jensen—I will check in on this.)
- We had asked Colonel Palmer if it was okay to spend a couple hundreds for utensils for our encampment. It will be about \$280. (Jensen—go ahead and get it.)
- Recruiting at schools—the problem I have run into is that they won't give you a time slot to meet with the cadets. You need to sit in the hall and they can talk to you. (Jensen—Does everybody else run into this problem.). (Stratford—You need to go to the Board of Education to arrange this in Stratford schools.) (Jensen—The squadrons need brochures from National—I will order them for you because they may give us more stock than you can get.)
- May—will be having our annual spaghetti dinner for our fundraiser.
- Will try to work on a ground team.
- RSC-if Major Flynn goes I will go. (Jensen—We have Chris Kelling going down this year.)
- We will be taking part in the pre-GTE and GTE.

CT075

- Rescheduled ES training because of whether—probably March 18.
- Our cadet commander has been informed that he has been accepted at the Air Force Academy.
- Will squadron commanders remain behind after the meeting for a little squadron activity.
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Meeting adjourned at 2130 local. Dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cassandra Huchko, LTC, CAP
CTWG CS/DP